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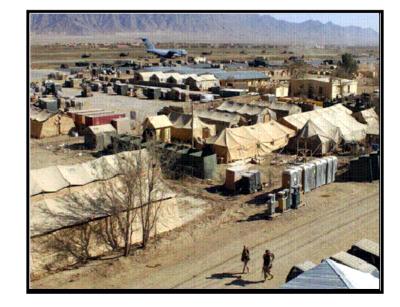
- Deployed airbases at risk
 - Current waste treatment and disposal methods
 - Require a large number of ground support personnel (i.e., convoys)
 - Pose a threat to security and staff of the base because contractors have access to base to remove waste

Water is an essential and high volume logistical resource for military

operations

 Self sufficiency is required to minimize logistic burdens of non-weaponry supplies

- Wastewaters generated from living quarters
 - Must be effectively managed to maintain sanitary conditions at the operations facilities

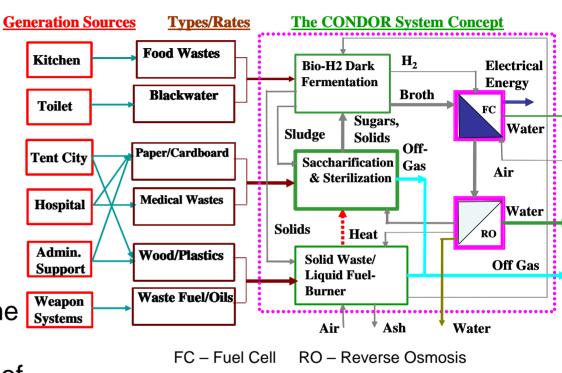


Objectives

- Assist Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL/MLQ) with:
 - Completion of the engineering design
 - Fabrication of the CONDOR prototype system
- Determine and assess Joint Service interest in the CONDOR system

Technology Overview – Waste to Resource

- AFRL/MLQ concept processes multiple waste streams
- Products include:
 - Filtrate and retentate water
 - Hydrogen gas
 - Non-toxic off-gas
 - Ash
- Significantly reduces volume of solid and liquid wastes
- Unique microbial digestion of liquid waste which produces hydrogen – carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas



CONDOR Concept Schematic

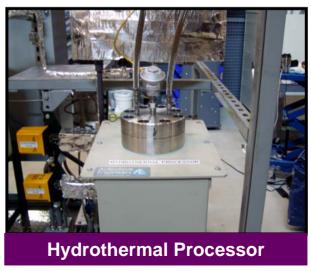
Accomplishments and Results

- Completed Joint Service Interest Investigation
- Completed Engineering Design of Prototype
- Completed Fabrication of Prototype
- Delivered Prototype to AFRL/MLQ Personnel at Tyndall AFB for Optimization Studies

Accomplishments and Results (cont.)

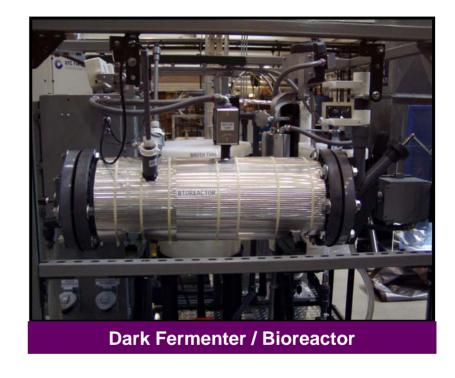
- Integrated process subsystems
- Utilized economical Touch Panel operator interface with integrated Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)





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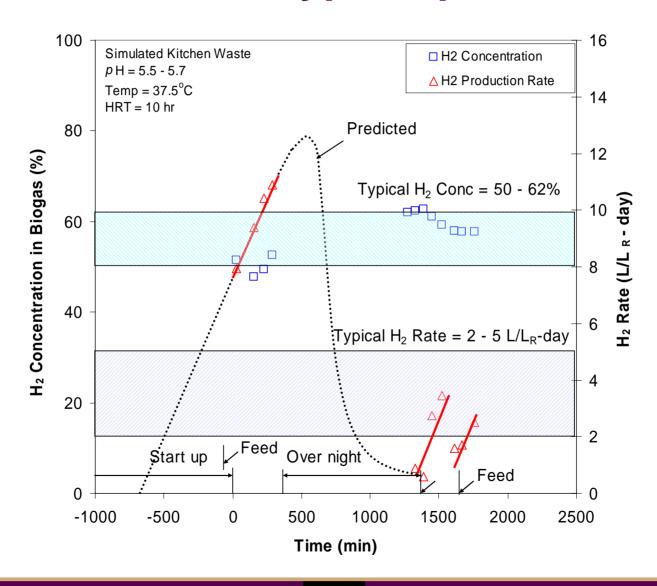
- Custom Bioreactor design enables AFRL/MLQ to test larger volume of waste materials
- AFRL/MLQ will utilize this prototype to evaluate interactions of the integrated subsystems and optimize system operating parameters



Path Forward

- Prototype Design and Fabrication Project completed September 28, 2006
- Assist AFRL/MLQ personnel with information dissemination
- Follow-on tasking to evaluate interactions of the integrated subsystems and optimize system operating parameters

Initial Prototype Experiment



AFRL/MLQ FY07 Schedule

- Optimize individual components and software of prototype CONDOR
- Characterize individual component and integrated system performance with simulated waste streams
- Perform process parameter sensitivity studies
- Assess feasibility of operating under real world conditions (i.e. actual wastes, blackwater)
- Complete AFRL S&T effort

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